

OCTOBER 2020 NEWS

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EVERY DAY IS A SWEET VICTORY!

It's been one month, and we're still here...Every day that we can keep our students happy, engaged, learning, and safe is a victory! Good for us! We continue to rely on our school families to "do the right thing" just as our families rely on BBLC to do the same. Together, and only together, can we continue...THANK YOU to the entire school population for everyone's cooperation and dedication to the safe progress of our students.

DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH--PAPER NAPKINS



Thank you so very much for the generous paper towels so many families donated in September...we appreciate each and every roll! Congratulations to Maddie C., as she is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting **paper napkins**. Plain white napkins work great for snack times! Thanks in advance for your consideration and generosity!

LABELS...PLEASE! AND...LONG SLEEVES!

With the fall comes the arrival of warmer coats and jackets. (Our playground is shaded, and therefore on the chilly side.) Please, please name-label these articles. I can't stress enough how similar lots of these coats look! In addition, our **classroom windows will continue to be open** for safe ventilation. When the chill arrives, please dress your child warmly for school, with long sleeves. Packing an extra zip-up sweatshirt in the backpack is a good idea, as well.



HALLOWEEN...BOO!

Halloween at BBLC is not canceled! We have designed a safe, family-friendly way to celebrate the special spooky day, outdoors, with mini-parades. Look for **BRIGHT ORANGE** info sheets to come home in folders soon. (If you have volunteered to send in a donation for our classroom celebrations, you will receive a reminder.) Please follow all guidelines and directions, as we need to time and plan things just right so that everyone (especially the students) has a good experience. Costumes need to be super-simple, and fit like regular clothes. Kindly save the more elaborate versions for home celebrations. Families are limited to FOUR participants; face masks required for all attending...more info to follow.



BBLC OUTDOOR PUMPKIN PATCH AND SCARECROW GARDEN...

Since we are moving some of the Halloween fun outside, we've decide to move the decorations outside, too! We are asking families to decorate pumpkins or make scarecrows to add to our outdoor displays for all to enjoy. All creations need to be completely weather-proof, so get your imaginations ready! Look for the **PURPLE** info sheet to come home in folders with all the details. Participation is not mandatory, but boy, it would be GREAT FUN!



LOCAL FALL FESTIVALS AND HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS...

Since we are unable to take our traditional fall school field trips, how about considering a family outing? Local farms like Hellerick's or Froehlich's have outdoor family-friendly fall festivities planned. And, Peddler's Village has those great outdoor scarecrows on display...celebrate the season!

DRIVEWAY LOOP/PARKING LOT...

- Please remember that you should approach the parking lot from the apartment/cemetery side of Selner, and turn LEFT into the bottom of the lot.
- Morning Pre-K class transporters are reminded to wait until a minute or two before 12 noon to enter our driveway for pick up. There is an 11:45 dismissal which needs to clear out before 12:00 PreK cars enter.
- If you are late and miss the open arrival door, just a reminder to pull your car all the way up to the top of the driveway, exit your car, and come to the front door near the outdoor classroom/courtyard. Call the number posted, and I will greet you and screen your child for school entrance. This is also the door used for an early pick-up.

HELP KEEP US HEALTHY...

1. Self-monitor for symptoms before leaving for school
2. Wash/disinfect back packs regularly
3. Wash coats regularly
4. Be cognizant of updated PA travel advisories as you plan your upcoming Thanksgiving holidays.

UPCOMING DATES...

October 1--Look for electronic invoice for October tuition (due by the 8th)

October 5--Firetruck visits BBLC's parking lot for Fire Prevention Week (10:15 to 11:30; one class at a time; extra helping hands will be available to assist classes with crossing the street)

October 1-6-8--Step One dismisses at **11:20**

October 9--Scholastic Orders Due (online only)

October 13 (and going forward)--Step One dismisses at 11:45

October 22/26 -- Decorated Pumpkins/Scarecrows due (look for **PURPLE** info sheet)

October 27/28--Individual class outdoor mini-parades (look for **ORANGE** info sheet, noting Rain Dates); families invited

October 30--Half Day for Kindergarten, 12:00 dismissal; no lunch. Buses will run both ways. PM PreK in session, as usual.

